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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3389

AN ORDINANCE providing for an allowance to members of the City Council to cover their actual and necessary expenses incurred for the use of their personal automobiles on City business; or, in the alternative, providing for reimbursement for such use on a mileage basis, at the election of individual councilmembers.

WHEREAS, City Councilmembers are required as a part of their official duties to travel extensively within and outside of the territorial limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Councilmembers actually and necessarily incur substantial expenses in obtaining, keeping, maintaining, repairing, keeping up, replacing, operating, and using their personal automobiles for official travel, for which expenses they are entitled to reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.040 authorizes the City Council to provide by ordinance for an allowance to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by City Councilmembers in the performance of their duties, in lieu of reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.24.090 provides that, in lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, payments for the use of personal automobiles for official travel may be established if the City Council determines that these payments would be less costly to the City than providing automobiles for official travel; and

WHEREAS, a monthly allowance of \$200.00 per Councilmember, and \$215.00 for the Mayor, is necessary to cover expenses actually and necessarily incurred by members of the Bellevue City Council for the use of their personal automobiles for official travel; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that monthly allowances of \$200.00 for Councilmembers and \$215.00 for the Mayor will be less costly to the City than providing automobiles for official travel; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, each member of the Bellevue City Council shall be entitled to a monthly allowance of \$200.00, and the Mayor shall be entitled to a monthly allowance of \$215.00, to cover his or her actual and necessary expenses

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incurred in obtaining, keeping, maintaining, repairing, keeping up, replacing, operating and using his or her personal automobile for official travel on behalf of the City. No request for reimbursement or accounting for expenses shall be required to be submitted in order for the Mayor or a Councilmember to qualify to receive the allowance provided for in this section. The City Council determines that monthly allowances in these amounts will be less costly to the City than providing automobiles to the Mayor and Councilmembers for their official travel.

Section 2. The Mayor or any Councilmember may elect not to receive the monthly allowance provided for in Section 1 of this Ordinance by filing a written election with the City Clerk, which election shall be effective until revoked by a written notice to that effect filed with the City Clerk. Neither the Mayor nor any Councilmember may change his or her election hereunder more frequently than once in any twelve month period. If the Mayor, or any Councilmember, elects not to receive the monthly allowance provided for in Section 1 of this Ordinance, he or she shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the use of his or her personal automobile for official travel on behalf of the City at the per mile reimbursement rate in effect for City employees at the time that the expenses are incurred.

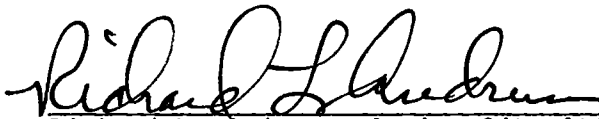
Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of July, 1984, and signed in authentication of its passage this 16th day of July, 1984.

(SEAL)


Cary E. Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:


Richard L. Andrews, Acting City Attorney

Attest:


Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk

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